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## HOW HE GOT OUT OF THE DEBTORS' PRISON

By THOMAS BARBER JUDSON.  
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It was visitors' day at Ludlow street jail, New York. Ludlow street jail is a very quiet counterpart of the debtors' prison of the olden time. Its inmates are those in contempt of the inheritance and certain other courts, federal bankrupts, execution and judgment debtors and breach of promise and alimony men.

John Decker had finished his breakfast of rolls, coffee and an egg—he could have breakfasted more heartily had he been able to order from a neighboring restaurant—and was sitting in the lounging room reading a morning paper when a card was handed him. He looked at it, frowned and said:

"I understood when I was put in here that no prisoner was obliged to see his wife. Tell the sheriff that I claim the immunity promised."

The message was delivered, and presently the sheriff himself appeared.

"Your wife says, Mr. Decker, that she has come with the olive branch, and she told me to say in case you declined to receive her that she has your son Johnny with her and wishes to know if you will see him."

The hard lines on Decker's face relaxed.

"Yes, if you will bring him in here." The sheriff retired, and in a few minutes a boy of six came bounding

into the room and, springing into his father's arms, covered his face with kisses. They were returned in kind, while a tear stood in the man's eye. "Mamma gave me a message for you, papa. She says she was told that you were hiding money."

"Who told her that?"

"Mrs. Spillfire."

"That Jezebel! She made all the trouble."

"And mamma says I was sick and baby was sick, and she was turned out of the rooms, and nothing to buy meat or medicines, and—"

"The man put his hand on the boy's mouth."

"Never mind all that, Johnny. I can't bear it."

"And mamma says she's been studying stenography and has got a place. She doesn't wish you to stay here any longer."

"What does she wish me to do?"

"First to forgive her for putting you in here."

"What next?"

"I wish you to come home."

"Johnny, dear, I wish I could do both, but I can do neither."

"Not for me, poppy? Please do—just for me, you know."

"Very well; I'll do the first for you."

"And you'll come home?"

"No; I can't do that."

"Oh, pop, please do!"

"There will be time enough to consider that in the future."

"No, there won't. Mamma says— But I wasn't to tell you."

"Tell me what?"

"That'll be too late then."

"Oh, it will be too late! In other words, she must dictate just when a reconciliation may take place."

"What's that?"

"Make it up."

"No, that isn't it. I know why, but

## FOWLER ON THE TRAIL

Aldrich to be Followed by  
the Congressman

LATTER WILL ATTACK

The Central Bank Proposition—Will  
Speak Wherever Senator Appears.  
He Plans a Thorough Ventilation of the Question.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Members of the Monetary Commission are quite certain Senator Aldrich will not accept the invitation of Representative Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey, for a joint debate on the question as to whether a central bank ought to be established. The expectation is that Senator Aldrich will flatly decline the invitation. He has never pretended to be a great debater, although he has engaged in many notable debates in the Senate. Mr. Fowler says that his only object in proposing a joint debate is to get before the public both sides of the central bank proposition.

A declaration on the part of Senator Aldrich to meet Mr. Fowler in debate will not interfere with the New Jersey congressman's programme to have the central bank proposition thoroughly discussed. Mr. Fowler has made up his mind definitely to follow Senator Aldrich into the central west next month. He plans to make a speech opposing the central bank proposition in every city in which the chairman of the Monetary Commission appears. He has received many invitations to discuss the central bank question, and his itinerary may take him to a good many cities that Senator Aldrich will not be able to visit.

I won't tell. Mamma says you're so proud. That's one reason."

"I don't understand, Johnny."

"Mamma says if I tell you you'll never come home. You must come home without knowing."

The father studied the boy's face mutely for a time and at last said:

"Well, Johnny, I could never refuse you anything. I'll forgive your mother for putting me in here, and I'll come home, wherever that may be. I suppose it's in a dirty garret. But tell your mother that I won't permit her to do the work for the family. I know where I can get \$10 a week as porter. It's pretty hard to take such a place after having employed a hundred men myself, but I've learned that what can't be cured must be endured."

"Oh, poppy!" The boy threw his arms

spasmodically around his father's neck, gave him a quick hug and kiss, jumped down and ran away to announce the success of his mission.

It was several days after this before the red tape that held John Decker in prison for not paying his wife her alimony was cut and he walked out a free man. The hour was 5 in the afternoon. Boarding an elevated train, he started for an address uptown that had been given him as the abode of his wife and children. Leaving the train, he passed down a cross street. Coming to the number that had been given him as his family abode, he concluded there had been a mistake. The place was a handsome apartment house. At the elevator he asked the uniformed boy if he knew where Mrs. Decker lived.

"Fifth floor," replied the boy.

Wonderingly the ex-prisoner entered the elevator, and when it stopped Johnny's eyes were glistening through the grating. In another moment a reunited family were clinging in one embrace.

Mrs. Decker's money had been invested in her husband's business. One of the largest debtors to the firm who had contributed principally to the failure had astonished Mrs. Decker by paying her his debt, a fortune in itself. She wisely brought about a reconciliation with her husband before he knew that she was independent, knowing that after he was aware of it his position would be very different.

There followed a happy reunion dinner.

## AN EARTHLY INFERNO.

Vulcanizing Factory Where Men Stand 212 Degrees.

The hottest place in New York is in Desbrosses street in a vulcanizing factory, where telephone wires are insulated by being coated with a preparation of rubber. In the room where this process takes place the temperature rises to 212 degrees, 100 degrees hotter than the hottest it may be outside in the sun. Men can endure no more. Actually there are some who can stand this, however—only a few, mind you, but still some. They are only the strongest and hardiest of workmen, and they can be in the room but a few brief minutes at a time. Several times daily it is their duty to enter the room to see that all goes well.

To keep from losing their skin and to protect themselves from the terrible heat these men wear heavy woolen shirts buttoned high above their necks and woolen masks and gloves. Four or five minutes at the most in the vulcanizing room is all they can stand without collapsing, and some can't even stay that long. Outside these men nobody is ever allowed to endure such a frightful heat. In fact, it is hard to convey the idea of 212 degrees. You can get the same degree of temperature by thrusting your finger into boiling water. Water boils at 212 degrees F.—New York World.

## FAMILY CURED OF SKIN TROUBLES

Two Little Girls had Eczema Very Badly—In One Case Child's Hair Came Out and Left Bare Patches—Father's Head Sore from Childhood—In All Three Cases

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"I have two little girls who have been troubled very badly with eczema. One of them had it on her lower limbs. I did everything that I could hear of for her, but it did not give in until warm weather when it seemingly subsided. The next winter when it became cold weather the eczema started again and also in her head where it would take the hair out and leave bare patches as large as a quarter of a dollar. At the same time her arms were sore the whole length of them. I took her to a physician and he said that she had two distinct types of eczema. I continued with him for several weeks and the child grew worse all of the time. Her sister's arms were also affected in the same way. My husband came home one day with a box of Cuticura Ointment and a cake of Cuticura Soap. My husband used them and also the Cuticura Pills and by the time the second lot was used their skin was soft and smooth as it had not been before for the winter. We keep the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment constantly by us and when any little roughness or irritation appears on their skin I quickly dipel it with the Cuticura Remedies. My husband has used them with most satisfactory results for a sore head which has troubled him from childhood. Mrs. Charles Baker, Albion, Me., Sept. 21, 1908."

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The Youth's Companion, Companion building, Boston, Mass.

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To Save Confusion When Moving.

If you are planning to move, prevent confusion in placing furniture in the new house in the following manner: In leisure moments prepare a large card for each room, to be tacked to the outside of the door-frame on moving-day. Assign a number and mark a card for each bedroom. Letter the other cards with the names of the other rooms. Then prepare a number of smaller tags, attaching a string to each (or use baggage tags). Mark enough to put on all furniture, trunks or boxes with the name of the room into which each is to be put. Show your movers the arrangement, and there will be little or no error in placing, while no valuable time and strength will be lost in directing—Woman's Home Companion for October.

## LORDS PASS IRISH BILL

It is Very Seriously Amended, However

A PROTEST IS MADE

By a Government Supporter—Commons May Not Accept the Changes.—Elections in Denmark to Follow Dissolution of Parliament.

London, Oct. 27.—The House of Lords has passed the third reading of the Irish land bill in greatly amended form. The Earl of Crewe, Secretary for the Colonies, in behalf of the Government, protested against the amendments and expressed doubt whether the House of Commons would accept them.

ELECTIONS COMING IN DENMARK.

Radicals Will Appeal to the Country to Support New Cabinet.

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—The radical leader M. Zehlee is forming a cabinet to replace that of which Count Høistein-Larsen was premier and which resigned Oct. 22. Dr. J. H. Deuntzer who was president of the council and Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1901, will have the portfolio of foreign minister in the new cabinet. As the radicals are in the minority in the Folketing, the Parliament will be dissolved and the radicals will make an appeal to the country with a platform which includes women suffrage.

SOCIALISTS ATTACK UKASE.

Stormy Scene in Duma Results from their Interpellation.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—A scene of great disorder was caused yesterday by the Socialist interpellation in the Duma, declaring unconstitutional the imperial ukase issued Sept. 6, with reference to military legislation. Secretary Zangorodskii refused to read the interpellation on account of its disloyalty. The Conservative members ultimately left the hall to avoid voting, and the interpellation was referred to a committee, which will report in a fortnight.

RUSSIAN REACTIONARY CONVICTED

Former Russian League Leader Found Guilty of Complicity in Murder.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—Nicholas Yushkevitch-Kraskovski, formerly a leader of the League of Russian people and his alleged tool, a workman named Lerkhinski, have been convicted at Terjoki, Finland, of complicity in the murder of Deputy Hertenstein, and sentenced each to a minimum of six years' imprisonment.

NO RUE FERRER IN PARIS.

Recommendation of Special Committee of City Council Voted Down.

Paris, Oct. 27.—At a stormy session of the city council the recommendation of a special committee that a street be named after Ferrer and that his grandchildren be educated at the expense of the municipality, was rejected by a vote of 24 to 10. The committee thereupon resigned.

GLADSTONE GOES TO AFRICA.

Son of England's "Grand Old Man," Has Not Been a Success.

London, Oct. 26.—Herbert J. Gladstone will, according to the Daily Telegraph, be the first governor-general of United South Africa. Mr. Gladstone has not been considered a great success as secretary for home affairs and there have been many hints of his removal to another sphere. There is some doubt, however, whether his appointment as governor-general would be acceptable to South Africans in view of the fact that the name of his father was associated with Majuba hill.

The removal of Mr. Gladstone would lead to interesting cabinet changes, possibly to the promotion of John Burns, president of the local government board, to the home secretaryship.

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Love must be cultivated and can be increased by judicious culture, as wild fruits may double their bearing under the hand of a gardener, and love can dwindle and die out of neglect, as choice flower seeds planted in poor soil dwindle and grow single.—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

He Saw Double.

Stymie (who has dalled too long at the clubhouse)—Hey, old man! What's that wanter tee up two balls for! Green (ditto)—That's all right, old chap. Can't you see I'm driving with two clubs?—Puck.

Would Be Nice.

"I tell you that the world ain't yet give me what I deserve!" he ranted.

"That will be nice," replied his wife, trying to view her back in the mirror.

"I look well in black."—Houston Post.

There is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.—Seneca.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

Of Women's Home Missionary Society of Methodist Church.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, Vermont Conference, was held in Springfield, Vt., Oct. 20-21. The opening service in the Methodist church Wednesday evening was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Butler. The church auditorium was beautifully decorated with flags, potted plants, and flowers, and over the speaker's desk, extending across the platform appeared the legend in silver letters.

A greeting from the local auxiliary was given by Mrs. H. Eugene Stickney, of Springfield, to which Mrs. W. E. S. Colley of Fairlee happily responded. The speakers of the evening were Mrs. E. O. Thayer of Barre, and Mrs. N. W. Bass of Cazenovia, N. Y.

Thursday morning was devoted to the transaction of business and the reading of reports followed by the election of officers which resulted as follows: Hon. President, Mrs. A. H. Webb of Northfield; President, Mrs. W. E. S. Colley of Fairlee; corresponding secretary, Mrs. V. A. Irish, Enosburg Falls; Recording secretary, Mrs. J. O. Sherburne, Montpelier; Treasurer, Miss E. M. Hanson, Barre.

The anniversary exercises were held in the afternoon and were conducted by Mrs. J. O. Sherburne who gave a most interesting account of the organization of the society at Montpelier in 1884 through the efforts of Mrs. T. P. Frost; tracing its growth and development through twenty-five years down to the present time.

The evening address was by Rev. Dr. E. O. Thayer of Barre, who spoke of the great need of missionary effort among the people of our island possessions, and of Alaska, and represented in a very earnest manner, the destitution, ignorance and superstition of the crowd of immigrants who are coming to our shores.

He said, "A nation's strength does not consist in its wealth, nor exist of territory, but in the character of its citizens. We must either christianize the alien population of this country or they will heathenize us. The women of our society have been doing the social work of the church for twenty-five years."

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